

Call to Order

Chair Moffitt called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. in the Select Board Floor Conference Room. She advised the committee that three members were calling in remotely to the meeting: Paul Russo, Andrew Betts and Spiro Christopulos, and initiated a roll call. Present were: Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Also present were the Town Manager, Donna Walsh, Finance Director and Patrick Lawlor, Assistant Town Manager. Absent was Bojay Taylor. The meeting was videotaped and live cablecast.

Ms. Moffitt announced that the committee would be voting on warrant Articles. Discussion followed with the Town Manager about the effect of COVID-19 on the convening of Town Meeting on April 27th. The Town Manager informed that he was in contact with state leadership in that event as to the possibility of an alternative dates before the end of fiscal year June 30, 2020. If not, the legislature will vote to continue fiscal year 2020 into 2021. He is continuing to follow a very fluid situation diligently and will keep the committee informed.

Votes on Warrant Articles**Article 3 – Salaries of Elected Officials**

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 3 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Andrew Betts remotely-Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Connection with Paul Russo lost. Motion passed 7-0.

Article 4 – Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 4 in the total amount of \$200,684,197 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 5– Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Projects Fund

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 5 in the total amount of \$4,311,108 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 6– Pension Obligation Bond Special Legislation

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 6 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 13A– Grant Program Authorization

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 13A as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 13B– Road Contracts

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 13B as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 13D– Property Tax Exemptions

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 13D as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 13E– Contracts in Excess of Three Years

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 13E as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 13G– Rescinding Bond Authorizations

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 13G as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 15 – Unpaid Bills

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 15 in the amount of \$3,870.00 in consultant fees as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 16 – Chapter 90 Authorizations

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 16 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 17 – Jerry Silverman Fireworks

Ms. Anderson asked the amount of residual funds, and Ms. Walsh answered \$29K. Discussion ensued as to the goal of spending down this fund and will pursue next year.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 17 in the amount of \$14,000 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 18 – FY2020 Revolving Accounts

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 18 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 20 – Sale of Town Yard Property and Portion of Lewis Street

Article 21 – Discontinuance of a Portion of Lewis Street as a Public Way

Article 22 – Taking by Eminent Domain of Town Yard Property and Discontinued Portion of Lewis Street

Upon discussion, it was the consensus of the committee that it is not in the purview of the committee to take a position on these articles at the present time and will revisit later.

Article 23 – School Department Supplemental Funding for Circuit Breaker

Following discussion, and upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 23 in the amount of \$212K as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 7-0. (Remote connection with Mr. Betts was temporarily lost.)

Article 24 – Bald Hill and Tewksbury Street Land Swap

Following clarification from the Town Manager as to the origins of this article, and upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 24 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0. (Remote connection with Mr. Betts was regained.)

Article 25 – PEG Access and Cable Related Fund Expenses

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 25 in the amount \$385,975 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 26 – Overlay Surplus Transfer

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 26 in the amount \$20,000 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y,

Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 27 – Appropriation From Elder Services Program Stabilization Fund

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 27 in the amount \$12,000 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 28 – Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 28 in the amount \$12,000 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 30 – Support for Andover Day

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 30 in the amount \$5,000 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 31 – Spring Grove Cemetery Maintenance

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 31 in the amount \$6,000 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 32 – Stabilization Fund Bond Premium

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 32 in the amount \$100,00 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 33 – Water Treatment Plant Maintenance

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 33 in the amount \$300,000 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 34 – Capital Projects from General Fund Borrowing

Ms. Moffit expressed concern over the high number of SCH-5 \$4,080,000. Discussion ensued over the priorities of projects determined, such as air conditioning of all schools.

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 34 in the amount \$7,442,000 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 35 – Capital Projects from Free Cash

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 35 in the amount \$3,560,000 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 36 – Capital Projects from Special Dedicated Funds

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 36 in the amount \$200,000 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Article 37 – Capital Projects from Special Dedicated Funds

Upon motion duly made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to recommend approval of Article 37 in the amount \$8,549,350 as written in the warrant. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopoulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Annual Town Meeting Update – Town Manager

The Town Manager announced that by court order the March 24 election. Due to its statutory results requirement connected to town meeting, the Town Meeting would most likely not occur on April 27th. He will continue to evaluate the situation and keep the committee informed.

ATM – Finance Committee Report

It was the consensus of the committee to continue to work on the report and to consider non-printing options for electronic posting of the report. Ms. Anderson questioned the statutory requirements of continuation of the RFP for printing vendor. The members were asked to submit their feedback to Mr. Monticciolo on the letter. The Select Board meets next Monday and votes will be recorded. School committee letter and Town Manager letter will be submitted.

Liaison Updates

Mr. Russo reported that he and Mr. Lawlor were working on a spreadsheet in modelling the impact of the tax bill on a single family residence. Input of the senior tax exemption factor was needed.

Next Meetings

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2020

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Barry, it was unanimously voted to approve above minutes. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0.

Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Barry and seconded by Ms. Anderson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. Chair Eugenie (Janie) Moffitt-Y, Linn Anderson-Y, Paul Russo-remotely Y, Andrew Betts remotely Y, Mary Ellen Logee-Y, John Barry-Y, Spiro Christopulos-remotely Y and Paul Monticciolo. Motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martin Barraford
Recording Secretary

Attachments:

Minutes of March 9, 2020